

## **DNR Input Meeting Notes**

**With Michael C. Thompson – Environmental Coordinator  
WI DNR**

**January 4, 2005**

**Telephone call**

**Conducted by Planning Consultants, Barrientos Design & Consulting**

### **Discussion about the “Barnes Prairie” areas in Sturtevant and their locations**

- Before the Village settlement had started, the land of Sturtevant was flat Prairie with its’ own distinctive habitat for Prairie’s plants.
- With humans inhabiting the prairie and turning it into villages and towns, most of that relic population of plants was left to grow (mainly) along railroads corridor where no settlement interrupt it.
- There are some remnants of that relic population of local Prairies’ plants and species that called “Barnes Prairie”.
- The Barnes Prairie area is located on HWY 11, west of Sturtevant towards Union Grove and Burlington, along the abandoned railroad corridor.
- They don’t have a map that describes the very exact location of the Barnes Prairie. And there is not much info that is open to share at that stage with the public. The reason for that is that they don’t want people will go there and harm those areas.
- He Mentioned a colleague of his – Owen Boyle , that might have some more information regarding the Barnes.

Also spoke with **Marty Johnson, Wildlife Biologist**

- They have Historical + Geological Aerial maps of Village of Sturtevant from the 60’s.
- But he was not sure if these covered the Barnes Prairie.